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SUBJECT: EXPANDED APPEAL FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

REFS: (A) STATE 147973 (B) GENEVA 8154

1. WILL TRY TO DISCUSS EXPANDED APPEAL (REF B) WITH KOHAUT WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS CURRENT TRAVELS OUT OF ISLAMABAD. WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THE AFGHAN REFUGEE NUMBERS GAME AND FOOD AVAILABILITY WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL TO KEEP IN MIND.

2. THE NUMBER OF UNREGISTERED REFUGEES IS COUNTERBALANCED BY THREE FACTORS. FIRST, REFUGEES COMING INTO PAKISTAN OFTEN TAKE FIRST REFUGE WITH TRIBES WITH WHOM THEY HAVE TIES AND ARE FED AND HOUSED BY THESE TRIBES FOR VARIOUS PERIODS OF TIME. SECOND,

THERE IS SOME DOUBLE COUNTING THAT GOES ON IN THE OFFICIAL REFUGEE COUNT BECAUSE OF THE MOBILITY OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION. THIS COULD LEAD TO SOMEWHAT INFLATED OFFICIAL COUNTS. FINALLY, THERE IS ALSO SOME INFLATION OF FAMILY SIZE BY THE REFUGEES TO OBTAIN A LARGER RATION. IT IS DIFFICULT
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TO SAY TO WHAT EXTENT THESE FACTORS OFFSET THE

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UNREGISTERED REFUGEES BUT THEY DO DIMINISH SOMEWHAT THE PLANNING PROBLEMS CAUSED BY UNREGISTERED REFUGEES.

3. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH MAY SERVE TO ALLEVIATE THE FOOD PIPE

LINE PROBLEM SOMEWHAT IS THAT. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE REFUGEES SUPPLY OF SOME FOOD COMMODITIES, NOTABLY

WHEAT, THE MAIN ITEM IN THEIR DIET, COMES FROM GOP FOOD STOCKS WHICH ARE IN TURN REPLENISHED BY THE WFP COMMODITIES. THUS THERE IS, EFFECTIVELY AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF FOOD AVAILABLE IN-COUNTRY FOR CONTINGENCIES.
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